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From: Gartner, Lois
Sent: Fri 10/9/2015 7:57:26 PM
Subject: RE: Associated Press inquiry

Christie: Yes, it is ok to share the document with the reporter. Regarding the questions, we can't answers these today but will have to get back to you on Tuesday.

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Fitz-James, Schatzi; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura; Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Mahmud, Shahid; Gartner, Lois
Subject: RE: Associated Press inquiry

Thank you, Schatzi. I really appreciate this. Okay to share with the reporter?

However, I don't see anything here specifically addressing negligence or criminal investigation.

Could you help us develop a response to these questions from the reporter?

1. Is it the EPA's understanding that issues regarding negligence or criminal responsibility will be addressed in the Dept of Interior Investigation?
2. Was a specific request made to Interior to consider those issues?
3. Are those issues being addressed in the EPA's internal review? [FYI I BELIEVE HE'S REFERRING TO THE OIG REVIEW]

Thanks,

Christie

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Subject: RE: Associated Press inquiry

Hi Christie:

I have attached the document you requested. To my knowledge, this document is the only one we are aware of regarding the work DOI was requested to conduct as part of its independent assessment of the 8/5/15 GKM incident.

Schatzi

From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 12:56 PM

To: Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura; Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Mahmud, Shahid; Gartner, Lois; Fitz-James, Schatzi

Subject: RE: Associated Press inquiry

Looping in Lois and Schatzi. Thanks everybody!

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Subject: Associated Press inquiry

Hi all, can you please help us track down this document the reporter is referring to?

“EPA/BOR Superfund Program Work Authorization Form dated 8/20/2015 and any attachments”

And let me know if there are any “additional documents that detail the nature and scope of the work that Interior was requested to conduct as part of its independent assessment of the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine incident.”

We're checking with the reporter about his deadline.

Thank you!

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From: Harrison, Melissa

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 11:52 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy; StClair, Christie; EOC Public Information; Smith, Paula

Subject: FW: Gold King

Hey team-will you work on figuring out what this doc "EPA/BOR Superfund Program Work Authorization Form dated 8/20/2015 and any attachments" is per his request?

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From: Brown, Matthew [<mailto:MBrown@ap.org>]

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 11:40 AM

To: Harrison, Melissa

Cc: Allen, Laura; Press

Subject: RE: Gold King

Thanks for getting back to me Melissa. I have tried the Bureau of Reclamation and will try Jessica Kershaw as well.

In the interim, please provide a copy of the EPA/BOR Superfund Program Work Authorization Form dated 8/20/2015 and any attachments. Please also provide any additional documents in the EPA's possession that detail the nature and scope of the work that the Department of Interior was requested to conduct as part of its independent assessment of the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine incident. This information should be available to the public under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Thanks for your time.

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From: Harrison, Melissa [<mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 9:13 AM

To: Brown, Matthew

Cc: Allen, Laura; Press

Subject: Re: Gold King

Hey Matt-these are all questions which should be addressed to the Department of Interior. You can reach out to Jessica Kershaw at: jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov

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On Oct 9, 2015, at 11:03 AM, Brown, Matthew <MBrown@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Laura, Melissa-

I'm seeking more information about Gold King investigation, specifically whether it will address issues of potential negligence and/or criminal responsibility, as EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy suggested in her appearance before the House Natural Resources and Oversight committees.

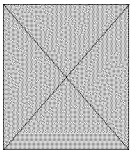
A Politico story yesterday described a "work form" that details the scope of work Interior's Bureau of Reclamation was to undertake.

Is it the EPA's understanding that issues regarding negligence or criminal responsibility will be addressed in the Dept of Interior Investigation? Was a specific request made to Interior to consider those issues? Are those issues being addressed in the EPA's internal review?

Please provide a copy of the EPA/BOR Superfund Program Work Authorization Form and any attachments. Please also provide any additional documents that detail the nature and scope of the work that Interior was requested to conduct as part of its independent assessment of the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine incident. This information should be public under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Thanks for your time. I also left a voice mail for Laura.

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